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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH NEW FOREIGN  
SECRETARY

REF: JANUARY 12 TELECON: AMBASSADOR JOVA-ARA/MEX DREYFUSS

1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR ITEMS YOU  
MIGHT COVER IN YOUR FIRST CALL THURSDAY EVENING ON NEW  
FOREIGN SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES. WE SUGGEST YOU STRESS  
THAT THE OCCASIONAL IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S.  
AND MEXICO IN MULTILATERAL MEETINGS CONTRASTS WITH THE  
EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND PRAGMATIC WORKING RELATIONSHIP  
THAT HAS EVOLVED ON SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS IN OUR BILATERAL  
RELATIONS. GIVEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S BACKGROUND IN  
THE UN AND HIS KNOWN VIEWS, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT HE  
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REALIZE THAT THE DIFFERENCES IN WORLD VIEW AND RHETORIC

HAVE NOT BEEN REFLECTED IN THE WILL AND DESIRE OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO US BOTH.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE SUGGEST YOU RAISE THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

-- RECENT US GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO INCREASE OUR SWAP ARRANGEMENT WITH MEXICO FROM \$200 TO \$300 MILLION IS A EXAMPLE OF OUR EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOM CONCERNS OVER THEIR SERIOUS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.

-- MEXICO WILL RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS FROM THE GSP LIST. MEXICO IS THE MAJOR BENEFICIARY OF THIS PROGRAM IN THE HEMISPHERE.

-- FURTHER WITH REGARD TO TRADE, WE ARE PLEASED THAT IN TWO RECENT COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF THEIR EXPORTS (ASPARAGUS AND STEEL PLATE) OUR INVESTIGATIONS -- WITH THEIR FULL COOPERATION -- DID NOT RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.

-- IN FIELD OF NARCOTICS, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S RECENT PROPOSAL (DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH YOU AND FOREIGN SECRETARY PARTICIPATED) DEMONSTRATED THE HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION THAT EXISTS ON MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

-- YOU MUST MAKE LINKAGE AND LACK OF CONFLICT BETWEEN NARCOTICS EFFORT AND OUR CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF U.S. PRISONERS. STRESS THAT ALTHOUGH PRISONER PROBLEM HAS BEEN AMELIORATED AS A RESULT OF OUR EXCHANGES WITH GOM, WE STILL HAVE SOME SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF DENIAL OF RIGHTS TO U.S. CITIZENS FOR WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE. WE DO NOT QUESTION THE COMPETENCE OF MEXICAN COURTS NOR SEEK RELEASE OF U.S. PRISONERS DULY CONVICTED, BUT WE DO WISH TO INSURE THAT U.S. CITIZENS RECEIVE THEIR RIGHTS UNDER MEXICAN LAW AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

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-- YOU COULD CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF OUR INFORMAL MEETING IN DECEMBER WITH THE MEXICAN COMMITTEE ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. THIS MEETING LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A MEETING OF BOTH FULL COMMITTEES IN APRIL THAT WILL, WE ARE SURE, IMPROVE THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. YOU CAN ASSURE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES. ON THE BASIS OF THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT ALREADY SHOWN IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS THERE ARE GROUNDS TO HOPE THAT WE CAN DEVELOP MORE FRUITFUL COLLABORATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES NOW BEGINNING IN THE CIEC, AND ELSEWHERE. KISSINGER

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